



HALIBURTON COUNTY

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CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

THIRD SECTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1995

Season's Greetings

The Businesses
of
Haliburton County
Extend Their
Warmest Wishes
for the Holidays!

Christmas in Italy simple but joyous

Exchange experiences Canadian traditions

by DEBORAH NASH
HHSS Co-op Student

This year Giulia Coss will be expecting Santa to drop her presents off at her temporary home on Little Redstone Lake. The exchange student will be celebrating Christmas in another country for the first time without her parents and sister.

Christmas in Italy is much the same as a Canadian Christmas. In Giulia's home, in Torino, Italy their Christmas is a simple one. The holiday is celebrated with family only.

"Christmas is really important because we have all the family stay with us," says Giulia.

Her family decorates their tree with their own homemade ornaments made out of bread dough. They make the shapes using cookie cutters and then bake them in the oven. Giulia is proud of this idea.

On Christmas Eve, Giulia and her family would go to a big service at their church and watch a

presentation of when Jesus was born. They also sing lots of Christmas carols.

Giulia says that the carols she sings in Italy are Latin and so are some of the Canadian ones, so she will be able to understand the them. In fact, she sings about having a white Christmas in Italy but of course, they don't get snow.

Before her family goes to bed, they leave the traditional cookies out for Babbo Natale (or Santa as we call the jolly, old fellow) for when he comes to deliver their gifts.

The Coss family opens their presents on Christmas Day. And when they sit down for Christmas dinner, it may consist of lamb and always Christmas pie with raisins. There is also singing and dancing.

"It is a very happy day," Giulia says.

The exchange student has celebrated her first Thanksgiving and Halloween and is now looking forward to a Canadian-style Christmas.

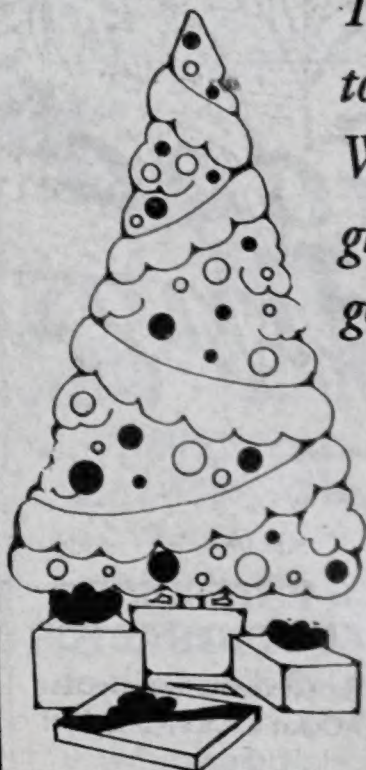


DIFFERENT BUT SIMILAR:

Italian exchange student Giulia Coss usually enjoys lamb and a special Christmas pie with raisins with her family, but this year she's looking forward to sampling Canadian food and Canadian traditions with her host family, the Lancias at Kennisis Lake.

Have a

Bright Christmas



*Tis the season
to be joyful!
We hope your holidays
glow with much
good cheer!*

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just for being yourselves!*

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&
Reiner

Merry
Christmas

Happy
New Year



*With Christmas on its merry way,
We just have to stop and say,
Working with you is a pleasure,
Your friendship, patronage, we do treasure!*

Have a Very
Merry Christmas!

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Happy Holidays to all!

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS FILLS HOMES & HEARTS

No matter how busy and stress-filled our lives may be, no matter what burdens we bear, Christmas is a season that encourages us to seek peace in ourselves and find joy in the love of others. Christmas is a time to reflect on what is good, generous and just. It is a time to appreciate family and friends, to share happy thoughts and the pleasures of good food and warm laughter. It is a time, too, when the bright smiles and infectious excitement of children remind us that our capacity for optimism and wonder and love are the essence of our humanity.

In this special section you'll find stories about many aspects of Christmas in the community, photos of children preparing for Christmas, and messages of goodwill from local businesses. We hope this special section enriches your Christmas season!

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Poetic reflections on Christmas:

Local women express their thoughts about this special season in verse

by Ev Stata

Another Christmas dinner?
More Christmas cheer?
Don't know why we do it,
Year after year.
Another turkey dinner?
More cranberries too?
What I wouldn't give
For some old-fashioned stew.
Then there's the presents,
Never know what to buy,
For finding just the right gift
I seem to have lost my eye.
That blouse I got for my auntie
I thought would be just right;
She must have put on a wee few
pounds
For it turned out to be too tight.
And that doll I bought for my lit-
tle niece
How behind the times I've
grown
Why she's grown up now and
married
And has a babe of her own.
Yes, 'twas that little Babe of
Bethlehem
Who's causing all this fuss
We all must celebrate His holy
birth
'Cause He came from heaven for
us.
Yes, He was born in a manger
Many long years ago
Grew up and died a tortured
death
Because He loved us so.
So let's find the true spirit of
Christmas
Give gifts to the needy and poor,
Sing carols, and worship as they
did back then

And Christmas will be Christ's
birthday once more!

CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN HALIFAX, 1944

by Grace (Thomson) Boice,
Haliburton

'Hark the herald angels sing!
Here are snowflakes on the
wing,
Covering all the cobbled street,
Bumpy blanket, white and
sweet.
'Joy to the world, the Lord has
come.'
Softly carol, gently hum,
Brighten barracks with fir green,
Brighten hearts with lights
unseen.
'It came upon the mid-night
clear,'
Misted eyes for yesteryear,
Thoughts of home, nostalgia
swells,
Brimming with the Christmas
bells.
God rest ye, merry sailormen,
Who've braved the cruel
unknown,
Who've weathered storms and

foes unseen,
And made the seas your own.
Push your cap back, twist your
grin,
Drink your fill, let laughter in,
Bold bright eyes and easy

strength,
Take the joys you've earned at
length.
Join us in the happy paen,
Peace on earth, good will to
men!



Peace On Earth!

*May the harmony of the winter landscape
bring renewed hope for understanding and worldwide peace.
Merry Christmas and many thanks for a warm welcome!*

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Happy Holiday.

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It warms our heart
to think of you in
this most wonderful
of seasons,
because there's
just so much to
celebrate, and
your friendship
is one of the
reasons!

Merry, Merry
Christmas!

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When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

Laura & Bill Scheffee

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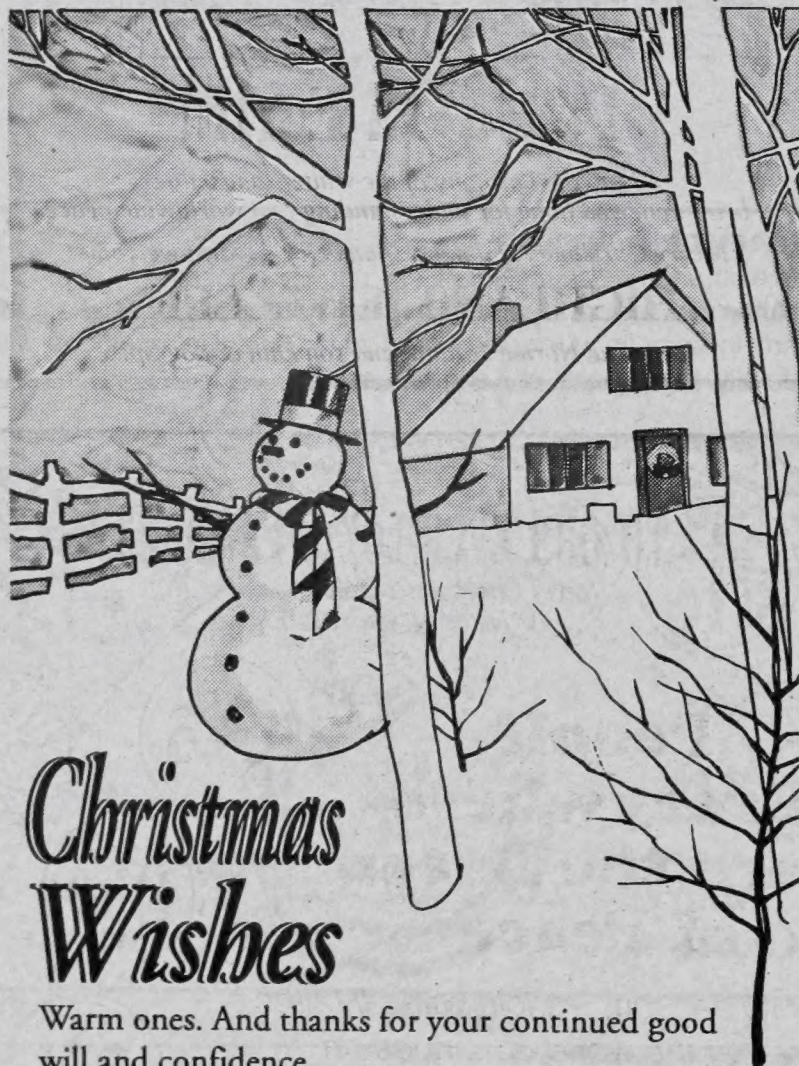
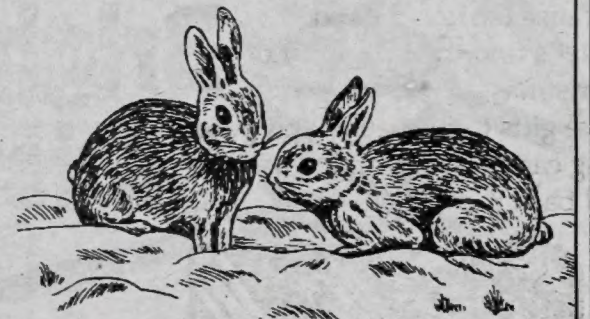
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Pleasure to
Serve You!*

**Customers like you
make it all worthwhile.**

**Wishing you all a
very merry season.**

RIP'S SLEEPY HOLLOW

Charlotte, Mary, Gary, Susan
Bev & Nancy



Christmas Wishes

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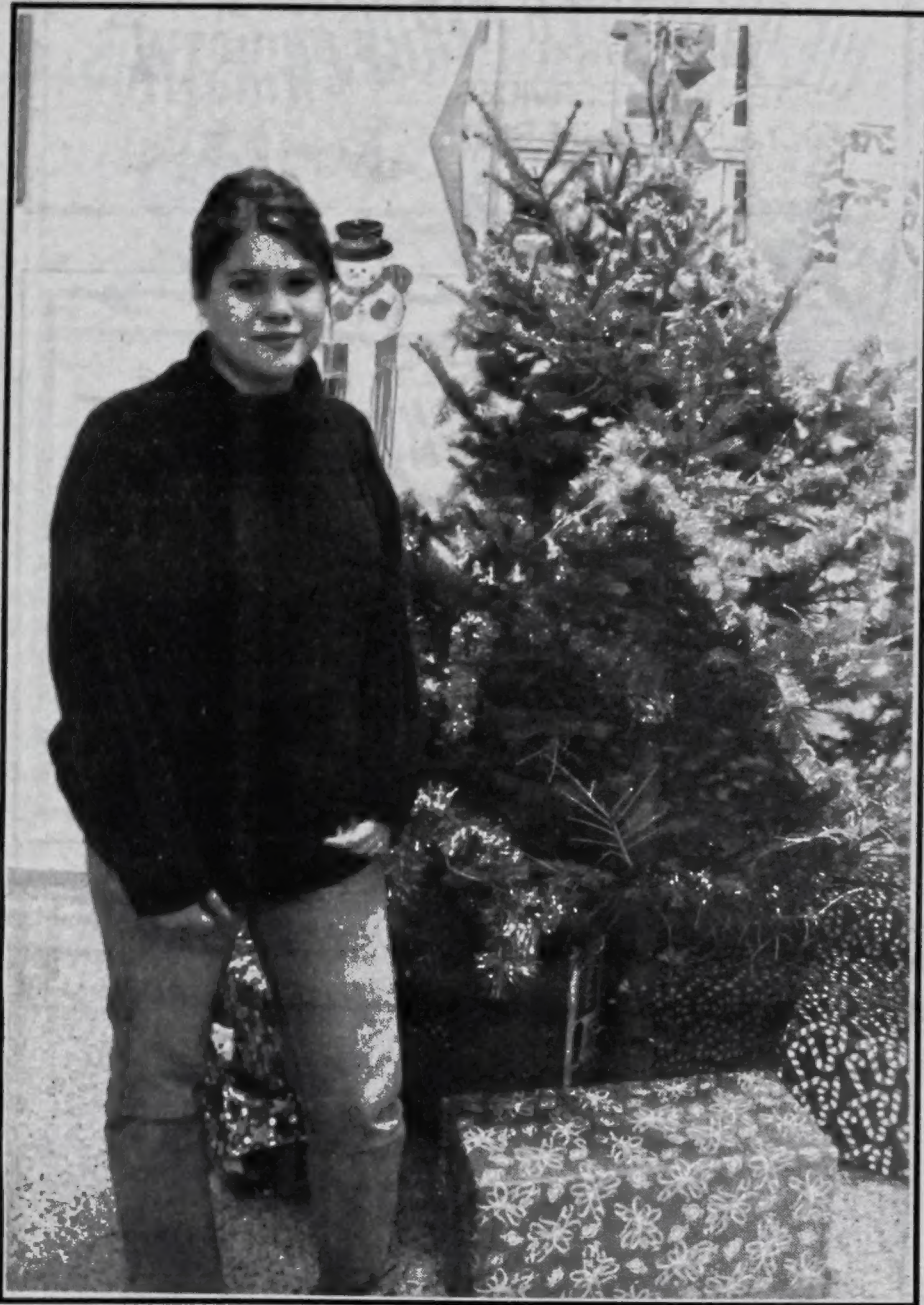


Good Tidings

May Christmas lighten your
hearts and brighten your
spirits!

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Roofing - Siding Division
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Haliburton

Swiss student awaits the adventure that comes with Christmas holidays



CHRISTMAS FROM A SWISS PERSPECTIVE:

Exchange student Rebekka Kohli is discovering that Christmas traditions in Canada are quite different from those she is used to at her home on Switzerland.

by DEBORAH NASH
HHSS Co-op Student

Exchange student, Rebekka Kohli will be enjoying a different perspective on Christmas with her host family, here in Canada.

One thing that Rebekka has already noticed about this time of season, is that Christmas is a very special holiday.

"In Switzerland, Christmas is not really important. Giving a card is considered just as good as a present," Rebekka says.

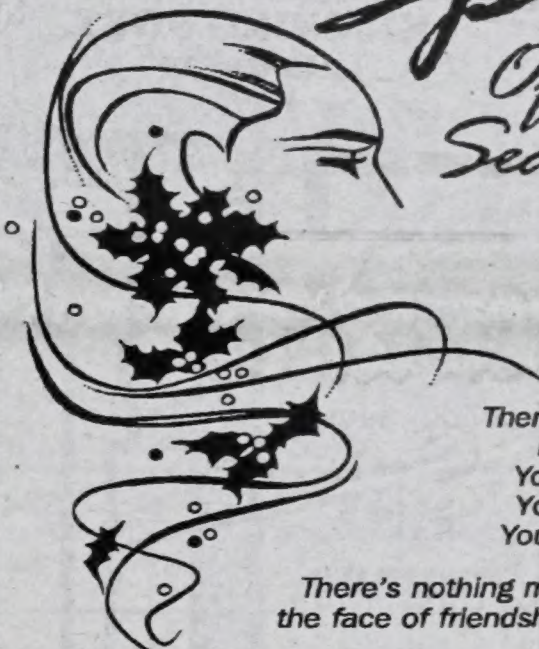
Although it is not very important, Rebekka and her family do enjoy a few traditional preparations. They bake cookies and four weeks before Christmas Day, they display a circle of can-

dles and light one as the days pass until Christmas Day arrives.

Christmas actually starts on December 6th in Switzerland, when Santa Claus brings nuts and candy. Unlike the red-suited man who visits Canada, he does not deliver presents to the natives of the snowy country. That is the job of the Christmas Child.

Rebekka's family celebrates on Christmas Eve at home in the small town of Kaisten. They have a big dinner in the early evening, then light candles on their Christmas tree, sing carols and open their gifts. At 10:00 p.m., the family goes to church and continues their celebration. Christmas Day and the 26th is for visiting relatives and friends.

The Spirit Of The Season



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Your ready smile,
Your gentle eyes,
Your warm "Hello."

There's nothing more beautiful than
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"Behold, the Lamb of God."

John 1:29

May the light of love and joy shine
on you and your family throughout the year.
God bless you.

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We wish you a harmonious and very Merry Christmas!
May this season's medley of pleasures echo beautifully for you
and yours throughout the year. And may this wonderful
holiday season's message of hope and goodwill resonate
throughout the world for all time.

It is always a pleasure and privilege to be of service to you,
and we are deeply grateful for your friendship and patronage!



HALIBURTON



SEASONS GREETINGS

To you, our good friends and patrons,
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all year long!

UNDER COVER
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MANY THANKS TO YOU!

When it comes to the holidays, fill 'em up with the
best fuel of all, peace and joy. We wish you all the
best, because you are the best.

from the staff at **STAN'S SHELL**
Haliburton, Ontario



Lessons of a hard Christmas:

When Elva Cooper's father died, her mother had to tell her that Santa couldn't come that year

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

CHRISTMAS is supposed to be one of the happiest days of the year, creating expectations that can't always be met.

But even though some Christmases are very sad ones, 95-year-old Elva Cooper of West Guilford believes they can still be special.

She was only eight years old when her father, Luke Sisson, died of typhoid pneumonia, leaving his widow, Hattie, to raise four children on her own. That Christmas, Hattie had to sit down with Elva and explain that there would not be any gifts. In the days before the safety net was sewn together, the loss of Mr. Sisson meant there was simply no money for gifts.

However, young Elva believed Santa Claus would come to the rescue, bringing all the gifts her

mother couldn't. That's when Mrs. Sisson had to tell Elva that her father, not Santa, had brought all the gifts the previous years.

"I cried like a baby," Mrs. Cooper says. "I remember it so well when she told me. Of course, I believed in Santa Claus implicitly. But she couldn't afford to get us anything. It was quite a sad moment for me."

Mrs. Cooper now realizes that Christmas was much harder on her mother than it was on the four children, one of whom was still a baby. It was her mother who had to face Christmas without a husband and with the heavy burden of providing for her children and not wanting them to suffer. As children growing up at a time when toys were scarce anyway, it wasn't as difficult for them to enjoy the day.

Somehow, Mrs. Sisson was able to save enough money for one

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A SIMPLER TIME:

Elva (Sisson) Cooper, right, with her friend Verle Tinney in a photo taken in Lindsay in 1919 or 1920



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for the holidays
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Good cheer to each and
everyone at this
Yuletide Season!

The Management & Staff of
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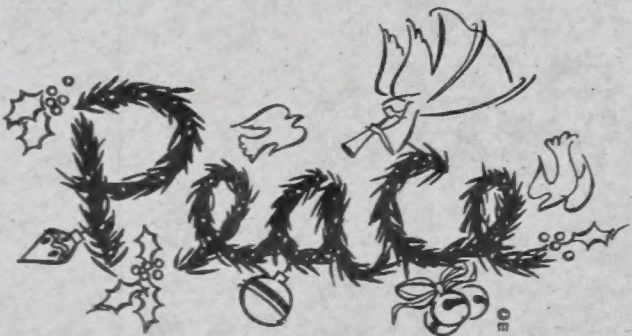
PEACE &
JOY

May they brighten your home this holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from
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What better thought to send you...



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Betty Hodgson
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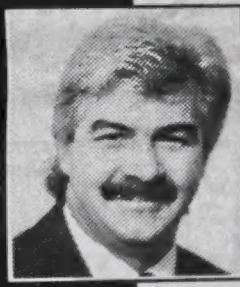
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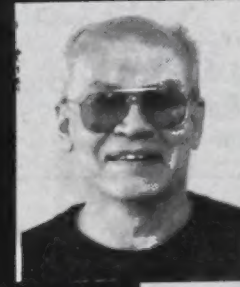
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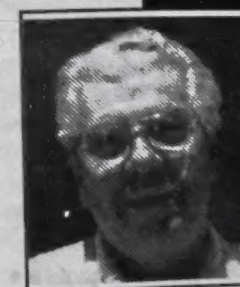
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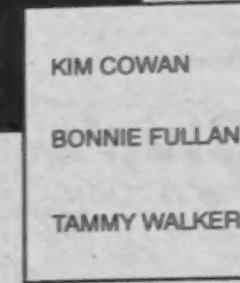
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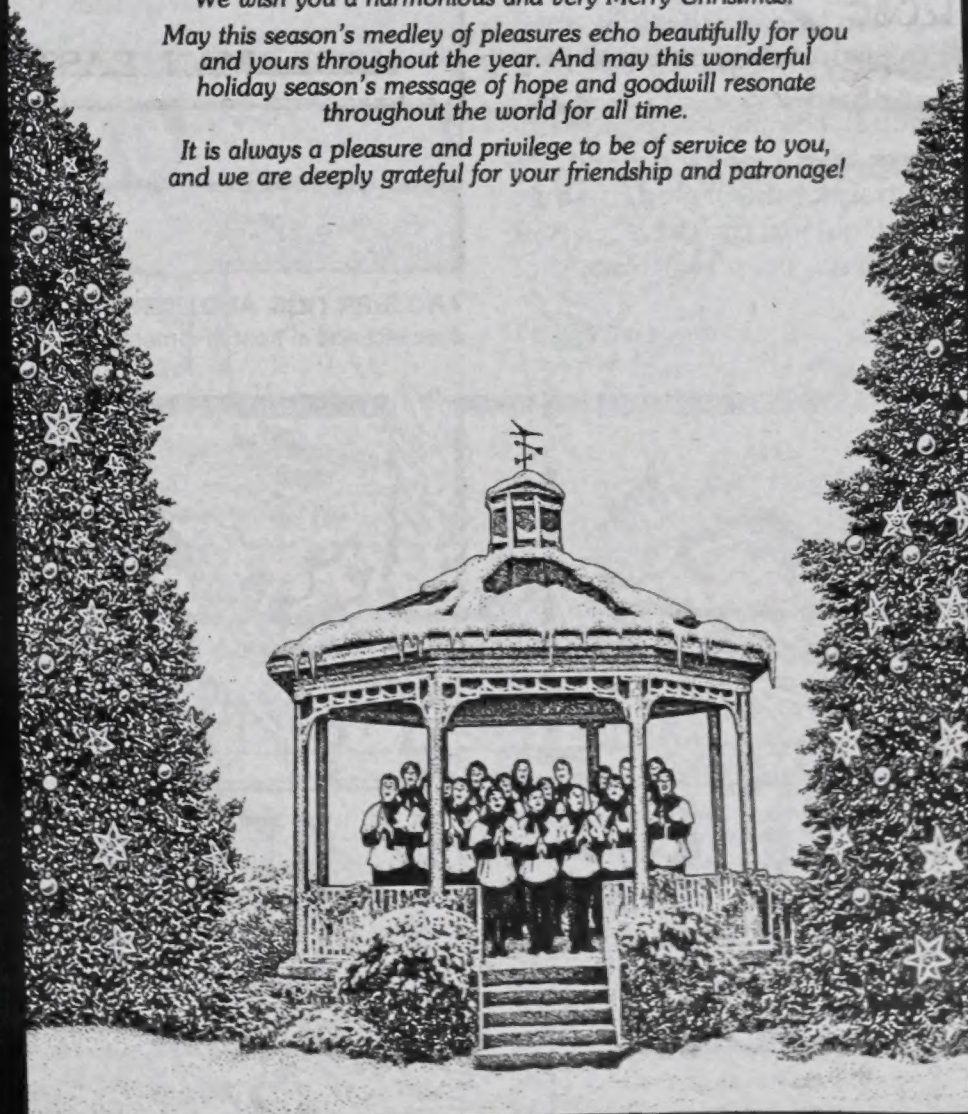
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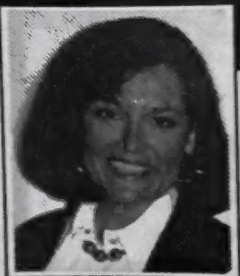
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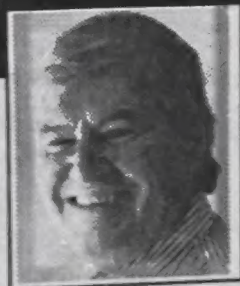
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Family brings her happiness

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gift for young Elva. "I got a linen story book about Jesus, very colourful, and I was quite happy about it."

For Christmas dinner, they went to her Barnum grandparents, who kept the post office in West Guilford. There was no Anglican church in the village yet, so Christmas was very much a time for being at home together.

Later, in World War I, she was not yet married to the young handsome soldier named Stan Cooper, but by World War II, one

"I'm a pretty happy lady because of the people around me, who are all so good," says Elva Cooper

of their five children was overseas for Christmas. Her son Lorne spent the holiday in a hospital in Italy after losing a leg. The Christmas after the war, she had been looking forward to him being home at last, but he got malaria and was in hospital in Toronto.

"It's pretty sad because you're looking forward to having them. It's sad alright but you get through it. You always miss the ones you care for but other people make up for it."

Today, Mrs. Cooper says "I'm older than I should be." Nearly everyone of her generation has

died, including her husband Stan, and she needs a walker to get around. What brings her happiness is that she has lots of family nearby.

"I'm a pretty happy lady because of the people around me, who are all so good," she says. As it was in her early days, the joy of Christmas is being surrounded with the people she loves so dearly. Despite the hardships and the sad times, she still can look back and say "I've had some very, very merry Christmases."



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FRIENDSHIP

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our very
best wishes
to you
and yours
this holiday
season.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!



Dennis
& Margaret



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Carollers sing. Sleigh bells ring.
Spirits are brighter. Hearts are lighter.

Magic fills the air as friends and neighbors exchange greetings of joy and goodwill. And we wouldn't want to miss a single, glorious minute!

To the many fine citizens of this community, we'd like to offer our own best wishes and heartfelt appreciation for making us feel a part of it all.

We look forward to your continued support.

EAGLE LAKE FOOD TOWN

Allan, Ellenor Bagg & Family and Staff

MANY THANKS TO YOU!
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



from
Steve Hutchings & Family
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Making do made for a merry Christmas for McLeod and his fellow troops

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the stable where Mary and Joseph found refuge.

"There were the cows on one side and waxed turnips on the other," laughs McLeod today.

Christmas morning, McLeod went to the nearest air force squadron, which happened to be Canadian. They had no room for the mobile radar unit, but they did have a couple of turkeys and some other food they could share.

McLeod and his men took the
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DEFENDING THE ISLAND WITH A NEW TECHNOLOGY:

Alex McLeod (wearing tie, at centre) with the men of his mobile radar unit in November 1943. Their Christmas was made memorable through the generosity of a nearby Royal Canadian Airforce squadron

The Spirit of the Season



*The spirit of giving is upon us. May you always be offered the gift of love.
Dr. Rene Benoit, Carol and Dian (the angelic staff)*

a word from the wise:
REJOICE!

*May you and your family enjoy a
Christmas filled with the gifts of His love.
We appreciate the gift of your friendship*

Merry Christmas from
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Have
a
jolly
holiday



Our happy little man
sculpted from snow
hopes your holiday season
stays all aglow
with the warmth of love,
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A memorable Christmas night

When high winds drove them from their tents, Alex McLeod's radar unit found shelter in a barn

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

ALEX MCLEOD understands a bit of what Mary and Joseph felt like as they searched the town of Bethlehem for a place to stay on a Christmas Eve a long, long time ago.

On December 24, 1943, the Haliburton resident found him-

self high on the top of a cliff near Aberdeen, Scotland. He was leading a British mobile radar unit which had camped out atop a cliff overlooking the turbulent North Sea.

At three in the morning, Christmas Day, he awoke to the sounds of a howling wind storm. It was ripping up the tent pegs and threatening to blow the entire tent away. The ridgepole in the centre of the tent was at a 45° angle and McLeod knew it was time to bail out.

Putting a heavy coat over his pajamas, he struggled to put the tent pegs back in the ground to no avail. Some of his men had foregone tents all together and were sleeping in their trucks.

Under the dark of night, McLeod gathered them together and suggested they find shelter in a barn he had noticed nearby.

The barn was cold, but at least it was firmly rooted to the ground. The men settled themselves in as best they could. As the rising sun provided some illumination on the scene, it must have been reminiscent of



ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE:

Alex McLeod in front of a mess tent in Scotland, December 1943

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*"Lighten
Our Darkness,
We Beseech
Thee, O Lord"*
Evening Prayer

*May your holidays glow
brightly with joy and
peace. We hope to continue
to share many more
illuminating moments
ahead. Thanks for
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Love and peace shall dwell
upon the earth for all mankind.*

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Chip, Peg,
Alex, Mac
& Adam



**May all
the joys
that the season
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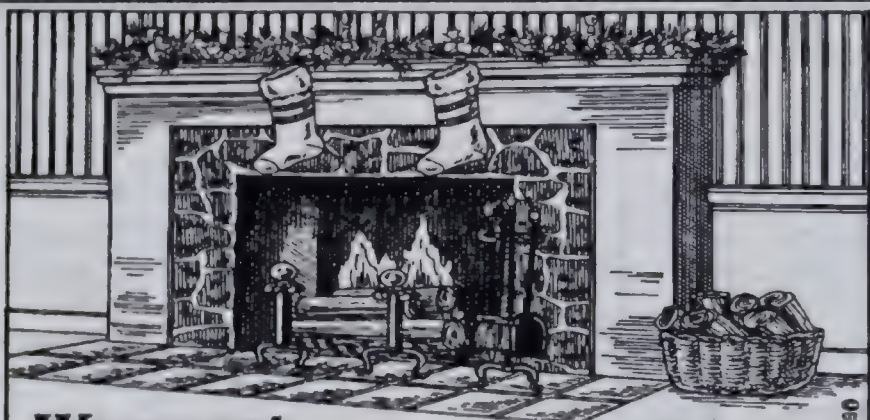
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The Staff and Management of Pizza Den wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

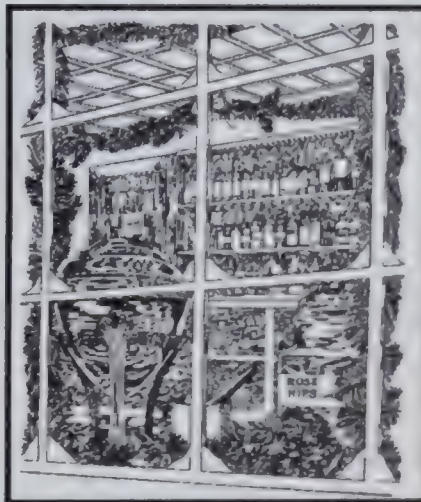
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Here's our prescription for the holidays... Take an extra dose of health and good fortune and enjoy the season!



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dan

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Christmas night, 1943 led to a resolve to always enjoy their holiday at home with family

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food back to the barn and with propane heaters and cook-stoves, they had themselves a merry little Christmas. The day got a bit merrier when they went to the nearby village pub for a few beer and some good cheer over a game of darts.

It was a Christmas McLeod would never forget, and at least it was one he was prepared for.

"It's a funny thing," he says. "With war time and our training as a mobile radar unit, it was more a question of survival. My reaction was 'thank goodness we had the barn to crawl into.'"

But on that Christmas Eve 52 years ago, he made himself a promise that he's kept ever since: "If and when I return to Canada, I will always spend my Christmases at home with family and loved ones."

Lumbermen heard ghost stories on Christmas Eve in shanty

... "To go back to my first winter in a lumber shanty: I may say that I got to like the life very much. The time went by very swiftly; Xmas seemed to come quickly and on Xmas day I was sorry we had not some of Mrs. Steve's Xmas pudding, for we had no pudding of any description - but we made out a fairly good feast on the front quarter of an old ox that had fallen over a

rock and broke one of his legs, and in consequence had to be slaughtered. The beef was rather tough, but we bore no ill will to the old ox, on that account."

... "I well remember the first Xmas I spent in a lumber shanty. Our foreman sat up with the crew and told us fairy and ghost stories. The crew were very superstitious (most French Canadians are) and for that matter I am myself. That Xmas evening there was a fearful gale blowing, and towards midnight when our foreman was in the middle of one of his blood-curdling and hair-lifting stories, the crew all gathered around him with their eyes fairly bulging out, crash, bang! down, came right amongst us, a big pine limb which the wind had broken from a huge pine tree that stood some distance from our shanty; the wind carried the limb and dropped it down our camboose chimney, and it made a fearful crash when it struck our pots and kettles. A more frightened crew I never saw and I guess we all thought that the devil had us."

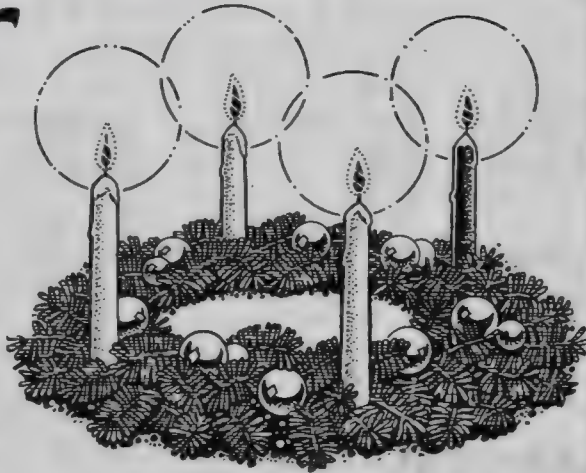
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Joyous Noel

Christmas is on the way.
And we hope its holy light
shines brightly upon everyone with peace and cheer.
We are grateful for your friendship
and loyal patronage.

from the management and staff of

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JOY TO ALL

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to have this opportunity to extend our
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during the holiday season ... we appreciate your
loyalty.

Merry Christmas!

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The reason for the season...

On December 10, the young people from Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton delighted parents and parishioners with their annual Christmas Concert, which was held at the high school. Some of the people taking part were, clockwise from top left: narrator Paul Way with an attentive Samantha Vanier; Grade 5 and 6 students performing "A Birthday Party"; wise (but forgetful) Graham Lloyd, Eli Stamp and Mark Perecko; Justin Dunning, Robert Bjelis and Sarah Wrightman; and little angel Robbi Balaski.

Dorset students share their Christmas poetry and prose

Kris Kringle Poem

by Cody Ryan
Grade 2 Dorset

Kris Kringle is Santa.
Reindeer pull Santa's
sleigh.
Icicles hang from the roof.
Santa comes down the
chimney.

Kids around the world cel-
ebrate.
Rocking horse rocking
around.
Inuits celebrate in the com-
munity centre.
Nice people.
Green pine trees.
Lights on the Christmas
trees.
Enjoy Christmas every-
body!

When Baby Jesus was Born

by Larry Bradbury
Grade 3, Dorset

Once upon a time there
were two people whose
names were Joseph and
Maryin. In the Spring
Joseph and Maryin wanted
to get married. But one
night an angel came and
said, "Maryin, you will get
married tomorrow."
"Wait," said Maryin. "Who
are you?"
"I'm the Christmas angel."
So the next morning
Joseph and Maryin got
married and then the angel
came back and said "You
will have a baby and you
will name him Jesus."
So the next morning
Maryin had baby Jesus

and the angel told the
wisemen and at night the
wisemen came and gave
him gold and jewels.
Joseph and Maryin lived
happily ever after.

The Toyless Christmas

by Joshua Morris
Grade 2, Dorset

One Christmas Eve Santa
got sick, so Mrs. Claus had
to do the Christmas Eve
flight. But Santa forgot to
tell her the names of the
reindeer so she called them
BerryCheeks, BeanHorn,
KyeChain, Blondy,
PolarBear, ShinyNose,
FurryDear and ShoeLace.
But the reindeer didn't
come. So Mrs. Claus went
in and brought them out.
Just when Mrs. Claus got
the reindeer all set she dis-
covered the elves hadn't
made any gifts so no gifts
were delivered. Although
the children were sad
about no gifts the year
Santa got sick. They were
happy the next year
because they got twice as
many gifts.

Santa Claus

by William Ellerington
Grade 2, Dorset

Christmas spirit
Holiday fun
Reindeer pull santas sleigh
Igloos keep you warm at
Christmas
Santa Claus is coming
Together at Christmas time
Merry Christmas
Angels go on trees
Santa comes at night

Christmas Day

by Jessica White
Grade 3, Dorset

On Christmas day a little
boy named Tom came
rushing down the stairs.
So did his little sister
named Susie. Susie got a
bright yellow bicycle and
Tom got a bright red
sleigh. Tom loved his new
sleigh. That morning they
had pancakes for break-
fast. They were good!
After the family finished
breakfast they went out for
a ride in Tom's sleigh. It
was fun!
After the family was done
riding on Tom's sleigh the
family started home. On
their way home they met
some skaters. They said
"Hi." When they reached
home they made a snow-
man and then the family
went inside and had some
hot chocolate and went to
bed.
Tom fell asleep dreaming
about the new sleigh he
got and his family's won-
derful day! The End.

A Christmas Poem

by Jordana Schuetze
Grade 2, Dorset

Christmas is special.
Horses pull kids on
sleighs.
Rocking horses rock.
Igloos are made out of
snow.
Santa Claus comes on
December 25th.
Toy soldiers are red and
black.
My bear's name is Teddy
Two Shoes.

Angels flashing on trees.
Special decorations in
houses and on trees.

Christmas Poem

by Rebecca Mead
Grade 2, Dorset

Merry Christmas every-
one!
Egg nog is very good to
drink.
Reindeer pull Santa's
sleigh.
Rocking horses are made
for boys and girls.
Youngsters wake up early.
Crusty snow gets stepped
on.
Happy families get togeth-
er.
Relatives come up from far
away.
Ice can stick to your
tongue.
Spencer likes to play in the
snow.
Trees we need for
Christmas.
Mail gets sent to Santa.
Santa comes on Christmas
Eve.

Christmas Poem

by Ryan Scott
Grade 2, Dorset

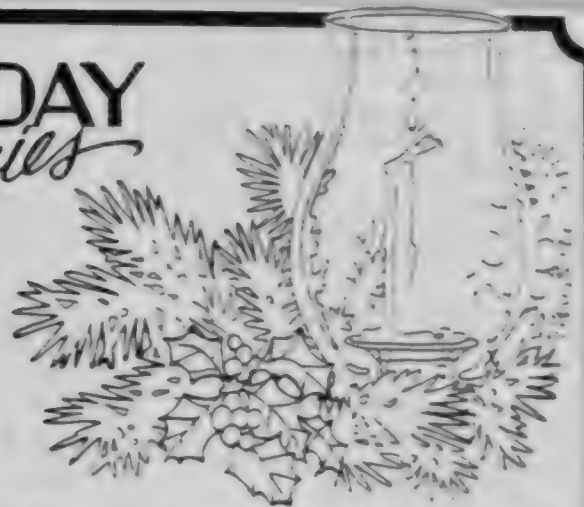
Christmas is fun.
Here is a present.
Ride my bike that is new.
I like Christmas.
Santa is nice.
Toys are brought by Santa.
Merry Christmas.
After Christmas I still have
fun.
Santa has elves.

AWAY IN A MANGER



At the holiest of seasons, we pray that you will be blessed.
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Memories

As we think back on Christmases of long ago, it makes us appreciate our many blessings. Happy holidays!

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of the
Season

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Of The
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...O Come
All Ye
Faithful!

At this holiest time of year, we'd like to
join you and your family in giving
thanks unto the Lord for his
never-ending love and guidance in
helping each of us to find our own way.

May you discover renewed hope,
encouragement and fulfillment during
this Christmas season.

We thank you for your kind patronage.

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Eight month old Tawny and three year old Tesla Young meet Santa on his recent visit to Gooderham

SANTA VISITS GOODERHAM



Santa has a few words with Kelly Madill after Gooderham's Santa Claus parade

HOPE YOUR SEASON IS TREE-MENDOUS!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

*Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do,
Is thank each and every one of you!*

Dr. Hindman & Staff



SEASON'S
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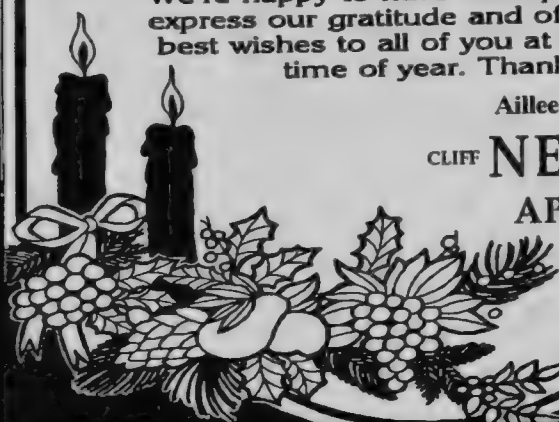
HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

Aileen, Doug and staff

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Money wasn't the measure of joy

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cold.

The next year, he stayed with his family's camp. At the time, Dallyn was 19 and his youngest brother was only four. On Christmas Eve when they hung up their stockings, his young brother felt it quite unfair that Dallyn's stocking (a sock) was much bigger than his. But on Christmas morning, the young boy's stocking had a few treats in it while Dallyn's was filled with a piece of wood.

"You didn't have any money in those days," says Mr. Pickens, who agreed with his parents putting their scant resources towards getting treats for his much younger brother. "When you're raised that way and you get to be 18, you don't

look for anything. Mother maybe knitted us a pair of mitts but there was no money for presents."

The family worked in the woods on Christmas Eve Day and Boxing Day, but Christmas itself was a day off. About five other men were working with the Pickenses, but most of them had walked out of the camp to be with their families for a couple of days.

Mr. Pickens doesn't remember what they did that day, but he knows he has no regrets, no feeling of being hard done by.

"We were quite happy there," he says. "They say those were the good old days - and they were. There were a lot of things we didn't have but we were happy... It was a good Christmas."

Christmas... the way it was...

CATHERINE PARR TRAIL.

Sleighing - it is certainly a very agreeable mode of travelling; the more snow; the better the sleighing season is considered; and the harder it becomes, the easier the motion of the vehicle. The horses are all adorned with strings of little brass bells about their necks or middles. The merry jingle of these bells is far from disagreeable, producing a light lively sound.

(letter xliii) 'The Backwoods of Canada 1836', pg. 168+

NEW YEAR

"On New Year's Eve, 1864, a dance began at Buck's hotel which, with slight intermissions, lasted four days and five nights."

Emily P. Weaver in 'A Canadian History for Boys and Girls' cited in R.H. Baker's History of the Provisional County of Haliburton, pg. 12.

CHRISTMAS

"The Assembly heard with pleasure that a log church had just been

completed and would be opened on Christmas Day by an Anglican clergyman from Toronto."

... "Christmas Day 1864 was eagerly anticipated by the whole settlement. While the men were busy clearing the snow around the shanty and bringing in firewood, the women prepared simple holiday meals with whatever food was on hand. The children decorated small Christmas trees with bits of paper and cranberries, and everybody sang Christmas carols. A few days before the holiday, sudden snowstorms blanketed the province. Rev. Sanders, who was on his way to Dysart to open the new Anglican Church in Haliburton, was detained by the weather, and opening ceremonies for the building had to be postponed until New Year's Day."

Log church was 16 X 24 feet. Service attended by 42 people.

Story "Visit to the Back Townships" from Peterborough Review, February 17, 1865 cited in Leopoldaz L. Dobrzensky, pg. 74.

Home For The holidays!

We'll get you there in plenty of time to enjoy the warmth of the season... wherever home may be! Merry Christmas and thanks for traveling with us!

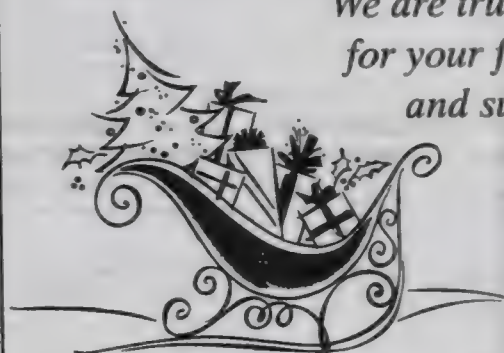


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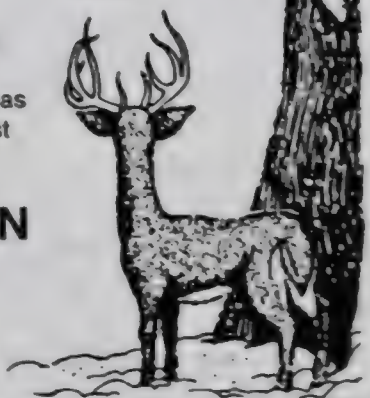


Greetings

To our patrons who've made our year extra special, may we wish you happiness and fulfillment this Christmas and in the days to follow. Our warmest greetings and thanks to you all.

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Best Wishes from
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Season's Greetings

The merriest of holidays to you
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Bethany Sisson

Christmas at their logging camp was simple but happy for Dallyn Pickens, his parents and brothers in 1939

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

DURING THE DEPRESSION, Christmas was in many ways just like any other — with no money to buy anything with, you had to make your own fun.

On Christmas Day, 1939, Dallyn Pickens was with his parents, Josh and May, and two

brothers at the family's logging camp on Monmouth Lake. His two sisters were already pursuing their own careers and of course, couldn't make it into the camp to be with the rest of the family.

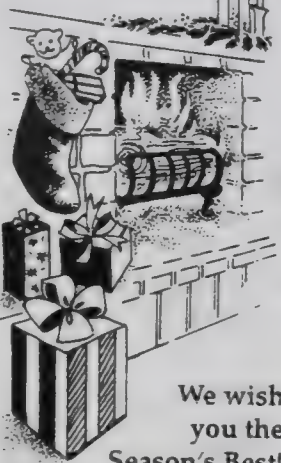
The year before, he had worked for a family of Finlanders at their camp in Cavendish. They got a couple of days off at Christmas and on Christmas Eve, Dallyn and a group of other young people from Gooderham got on the back of an open truck and went to a wedding dance. He was only back to work for one day when he had to return home to bed, where he stayed for the next three weeks with a terrible

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IN THE CAMP:
Dallyn Pickens, at left, his uncle George, at right, who was known as an excellent cook, and two unidentified women in the spring of 1939

Christmas JOY



We wish
you the
Season's Best!
from the Staff &
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Wishing you
tidings
of comfort
and joy this
holiday season.

**YULETIDE
GREETINGS**

Greg, Paul & Staff of
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December 1995

Christmas is always a time to reflect upon the year and all those special things we have to be thankful for.

Your friendship is one of those gifts in life we value greatly.

We would like to say thank you and we wish you health, happiness and success.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Sincerely,
NORTH STEEL
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NORTH STEEL

Over the holiday season our office, plant and field operation will be closed
from December 22, 1995 to January 8, 1996

Art changed to mirror our evolving beliefs

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teachings of Christ, was to bring them alive through art. Both sculptors and painters had long been the propagators of the Church's message. Gothic Cathedrals, in earlier centuries for example, are filled with sculptures that present the sermons of the theologians.

As the teachings of the Church gradually shifted from rewards and punishments that awaited us humans in the next world to the benefits of living a Christian existence in this life, the art created changed to mirror this. Christ in Glory, King and Ruler, gradually became the compassionate, gentle, suffering human being.

Although the duality of Christ as the spiritual son of God and the human being who lived on earth is always present, the shift in emphasis from the former to the latter is easily seen whenever we wander through an art gallery and look at the change in subject matter from the Mediaeval Period to the Renaissance. During the earlier time Christ, Mary, and the Saints are usually seen enthroned, remote. Then comes the theological shift and the every day life of the Holy Family is recorded in minute and loving detail.

The genius of the painters who made this scene so immediate is acknowledged each time any of us creates a Nativity scene whether on our front lawn, on the mantel, or at our place of worship.



A MEMORIAL GIFT:

When Ron Russell's mother, Mabel, died earlier this year, his interior design co-workers in Maryland got together and bought this beautifully carved creche as a memorial gift. Mrs. Russell was a dedicated member of Zion United Church and choir in Carnarvon, and the creche is now displayed at the front of the church.



Happy Holidays

May the peace and joy of Christmas touch every heart in every town throughout the land... and may it go out to all the world!

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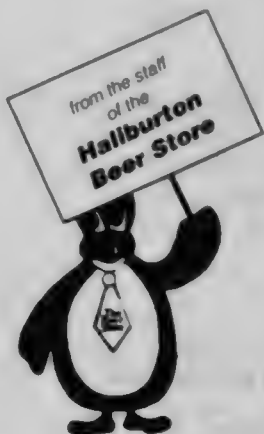
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HAVE A BALL!

We hope the holidays are as much fun for you as serving you is for us. Happy celebrating and thank you for your continued support.



Brewers Retail Inc.

Nativity scene as we know it created by artists of the Renaissance

With Christmas in the air one image above all others prevails in those of us who have Christian heritage. It is the Nativity scene with manger, animals, a tiny babe, adoring parents, awe struck shepherds and worshipping magi.

Where do our ideas come from of what this occasion looked like nearly two thousand years ago? There certainly was no photography to capture the moment, not even a sketch, only a description written down much later which now appears in the Bible.

In fact our present day sense of that scene derives from paintings, paintings conceived by the Church leaders and executed by the painters during the thirteen and fourteen hundreds in Europe, in the period we call the Renaissance.

The Church at that time was a single entity; the dissident movement that led to the division of Christianity into two main branches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, did not occur until the fifteen hundreds.

During that Renaissance peri-

od the theologians and priests began to stress in their sermons the human characteristics of the Holy Family, in particular, Mary and the Christ Child. The worshippers could thus easily identify with the lives of the Holy

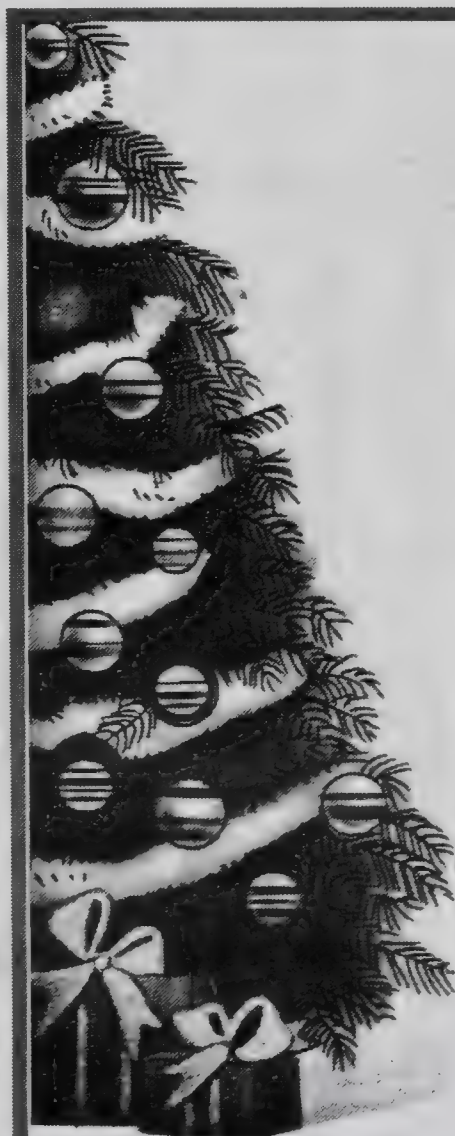
Family when their deeds as human beings were presented. Before that the emphasis had been primarily on the spiritual, omnipotent, other worldly aspect of God and his son.

Most people at that time were illiterate; the mass printing of books had to await the invention of the printing press which came a century later. Thus the sensible way to impress upon the worshippers the message of the Bible, especially the life and

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ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

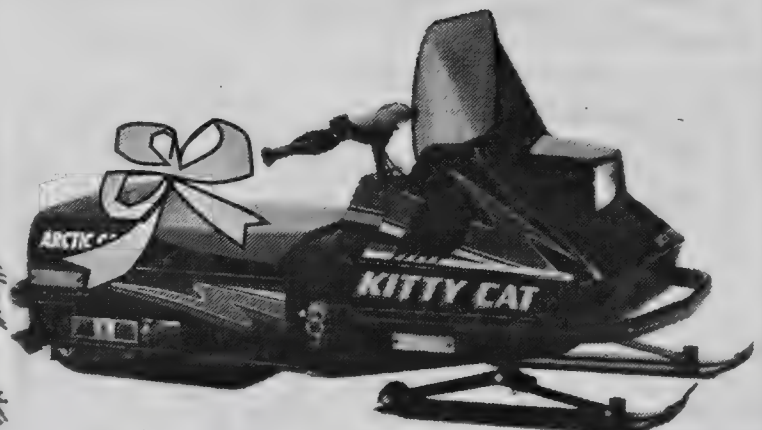


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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS AT HODGSON ELEMENTARY



Grade 6 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School made a variety of Christmas decorations. (Back row, from left) Emily Newell, Amanda Boughner, Sarah Collins, Casey Ogle, Tori Browne, (front, from left) Rochelle Smith, Katie Carey, Laura Harvey and Lindsay Casey



Students in Mrs. Elstone's Grade 5 class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School recycled old milk cartons into wonderful Santas. Showing off their creations are Kyle Parnell, Jonathan Wrightman, Monika Holm, Jenny Parish, Jenna Wilcox and Bradley Mickle.



Students in Mr. Cowey's class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School carved wooden loons as going away Christmas presents for Mrs. Smith, who taught Grade 3 at the school on an exchange trip from Australia. As Cole Bonfield paints, Justine Winder, Kimberly Freeman, Julie Mitton and Justin Hayes look on.



Grade 3 students Kerry Heming, Andrew Bourgeois and Taylor Allen hang ornaments they made by hand on the Christmas tree in the library at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.



Ryan Chalmers, Candice Dunning, Danielle Casey, Megan Woodman and Justin Pearce show off some of the Christmas crafts they and their classmates at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School have been making.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students Ashley Fearrey, Ryan Goldberg and Jenny Moynes prepare to cut into the Christmas baking they did with their class.

Our Christmas Wish

We like to give credit
where credit is due.
So the first order of business
is giving special thanks to you.
You've shown us your friendship
in so many ways.
Now it's our turn to wish you
the very happiest of holidays

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MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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throughout the New Year.

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We just wanted to say "Merry Christmas", and "thanks"
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Sue, Chuck, Shane, Jim

Santa's old, and he has a long and interesting history!

Ho Ho Ho. Look who's coming for Christmas - again! As part of the B.S.C. degree (Bachelor of Santa Claus) at the Santa Claus school in Albion, New York, he is officially described as approximately six feet tall, weighs between 200 and 250 pounds, has twinkling blue eyes and a full, rosy face. He answers to a number of names including Father Christmas, Pere Noel, Christkenlein, Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas or Sinter Klaus, and is instantly recognizable to people the world over. It is Santa, the holiday season's 'merriest' and most popular character, and he is coming soon to homes all across Canada!

Why is he so popular? Because belief in Santa Claus fills a special need for magic and fantasy in everyone. In fact, while Christmas is historically considered a Christian holiday, the introduction of 'Saint Nicholas' or 'Santa Claus' to North America more than 350 years ago helped to create holiday traditions that could be celebrated universally. Based on his origins as a charitable gift-giver and benefactor of all children, increasingly, Santa has become a reminder of the importance of maintaining the elements of charity and kindness during Christmas, the traditional season of giving. Canadians view Santa as the ambassador of goodwill and the benefactor of children everywhere and, as such, his popularity grows with each Yuletide season.

Few aspects of holiday decorating or celebrations do not include some element of the jolly old soul or the traditions with which he is associated. His contribution to the custom of gift-giving on Christmas day, the filling of Christmas stockings and his greatly anticipated Christmas Eve visits on his magic sleigh drawn by nine reindeer, are all aspects of Santa's enduring legend.

Where did Santa come from?

Santa's origins began in Patras, Turkey, based on the story of Nicholas of Myra. Nicholas of Myra was a saint who became famous in Europe as a worker of miracles and

benefactor of both children and the poor. Nicholas was so popular that he became the patron saint of maidens, sailors, bakers, travellers, bankers, and - most importantly - of boys and girls around the world. His popularity rapidly grew, based on his renowned charitable work for children and celebrations in the name of St. Nicholas became widespread. As such, each December, on St. Nicholas' Feast day, it became

traditional for somebody to dress up as St. Nicholas and give children small presents of gingerbread or toys.

How old is Santa? History tells us that Saint Nicholas, now known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus, was born in Patras, Turkey around A.D. 280. That would mean that this year, Santa is 1715!

What is the history behind his gift-

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HE'S NICE!

Mikaela Charlebois was delighted to meet Santa Claus when he paid a brief visit to Stanhope Firefighters Hall recently.

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Faithful!**

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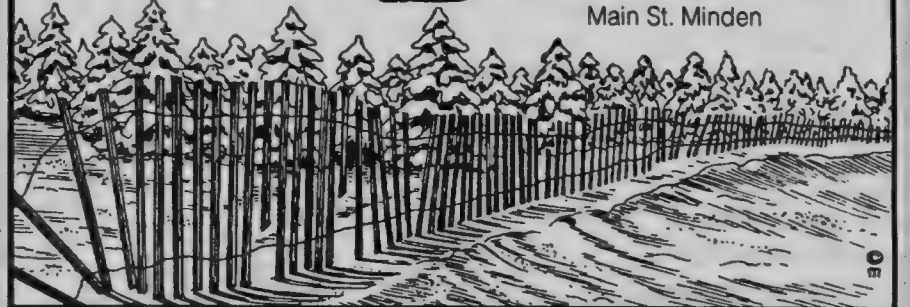
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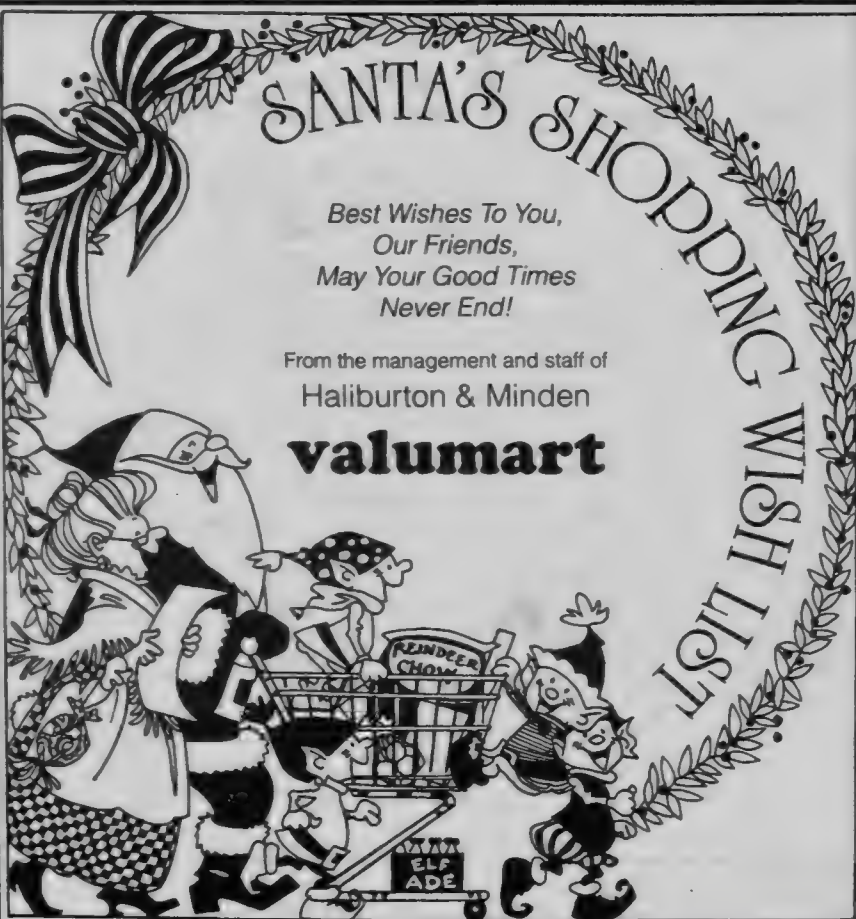
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at
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The Kindergarten Sunday School class of Lakeside Baptist Church took part in the annual Christmas concert December 10.

From left: Mark Perecko, Kyla Bryant, Hope Wiley, Victoria Burke

Remembering.... Fred Freeman's Christmas dinners

...One of the better known figures in Haliburton Village previous to 1900 was Frederick Freeman, who came in the early 1870s to manage the Haliburton office and supply depot...

...located on Pine Avenue, (now Bank's Store) which Freeman purchased from Irwin in 1877...

...When he died on December 8, 1937, his showcases were still filled with outdated examples of the passing parade of fashion. It was said that one could purchase there the jewellery and trifles which would have charmed the heart of a village belle half a century before.

...Although a bachelor, he cooked for himself and kept his store and house ship-shape. Sometimes at Christmas he imported by rail a complete Christmas dinner prepared by one of Toronto's best restaurants." (and later)

..."Mrs. Worley, the wife of the cabinet maker, James Worley who came to Haliburton in 1891, gave Mr. Freeman his Christmas dinner as long as he lived. On the menu was turkey with oyster dressing and plum pudding."

Excerpts from Nila Reynolds' In Quest of Yesterday, pg. 133 - 135.



Rejoice!

Wishing you a wondrous and magical season.

Love and peace shall dwell upon the Earth for all mankind.

RAYMOND G. SELBIE
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How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.



We Wish a
Happy Holiday Season
for You
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Management & Staff
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giving? On the eve of St. Nicholas' Feast, it became traditional for children to leave out hay, straw and carrots based on the legend that they would receive a night-time visit from St. Nick and his horse. In return, St. Nicholas would leave each child a gift, a reminder of his lifetime of giving special gifts to those in need. Early examples of presents that St. Nick would leave included money, cakes, apples, nuts, dolls and small toys. Stockings became popular receptacles for the small and simple presents that St. Nick would bring and today, stock-

Santa first came to North America with Dutch in 1642

ings are still used to hold the many treats that Santa delivers!

What are the origins of the name

Santa Claus? The name Santa Claus comes from the Dutch translations of St. Nicholas. 'Klaas' is the Dutch short form for Nicholas and 'Sinter Klaas' translated into English is 'Saint Claus', the name that has evolved in North America into 'Santa Claus'.

**Rudolph the
red-nosed reindeer
was born
in 1939!**

How is he known around the world? Belief in Santa Claus is worldwide. While his name and legend may vary somewhat by culture, his reputation as a charitable gift-giver and benefactor of all children remains the same. For example, he is known as St. Nicholas in Holland, Father Christmas in England, Weihnachtsmann in Germany, Pere Noel in France, and in Russia it is believed that the original idea of

'Santa' came in the form of Kolyada, a white-robed girl who arrived at homes each Christmas on a sleigh!

When did the legend and traditions of Santa arrive in North America? Dutch explorers brought the tradition of Saint Nicholas or Sinter Klaas to America with them in 1642. In fact, they dedicated their first church in Manhattan to Sinter Klaas (Saint Nicholas). Over the next three centuries, the concept of Santa Claus and his customs in North America developed, based on the original Dutch traditions.

How has Santa's role evolved since then? In the 19th century, Thomas Nast created a series of now-famous illustrations, depicting a North American version of Santa Claus and his activities, for Harper's Illustrated Weekly. Nast's imagination pictured Santa as a lovable old man with white hair and whiskers, red coat and cap, not only making toys and filling stockings, but also watching over children and making Christmas visits in his magic sleigh drawn by reindeer. Nast's illustrations provided North America with the Santa we now know and love today. The only addition to Nast's story of Santa was the 1939 introduction of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer who helps to guide Santa and his sleigh through the foggy Christmas Eve nights!

What is his role today? Today, our Santa Claus is the modern patron of the Christmas season. Santa has a variety of tasks including making toys, checking up on boys and girls, and, every December 24th, on the eve of Christmas day, flying through the sky in a magic sleigh, decorating trees, filling Christmas stockings and bringing happiness to both children and adults, all over the world.



We're Making A List!

...of everyone we'd like to wish a very Merry Christmas. And you are right at the top!

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The method used in this bread takes a little longer, but you will be assured of a light and delicious fruit bread.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BREAD (for bread machines)

1 cup lukewarm skim milk
1 large egg. Milk and egg should equal 1 1/4 cups
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp salt
2 tsp instant yeast
3 cups white bread flour
2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup mixed candied fruit
1/4 cup raisins

Zap skim milk in microwave for 1 minute or on stove just until lukewarm. Add beaten egg to make 1/4 cup of liquid. Add to bread pan with vanilla, sugar and salt. Sprinkle instant yeast over all. Add 2 1/2 cups of bread flour, the cinnamon and melted margarine. Lock pan in machine and place on basic or rapid bread cycle. Choose your desired crust. Press start. Let dough beat for a few minutes then very gradually add the last 1/2 cup of flour. This makes for a much lighter loaf. About 3 minutes before the end of the second knead, add your fruit and raisins. Some machines have a beeping sound for this purpose. Adding fruit at this time will not cut the fruit up as much. You may need to add 1 or 2 tbsp of flour if the ball is too sticky. Let the machine do the rest. But make sure to have your toaster and teapot ready as they'll be in big demand with this recipe. It's a great bread to serve toasted to friends or in the morning to family.

Deborah Collingwood
Nanaimo B.C.

CRANBERRY CRUMB SQUARES

3/4 cup (175 ml) butter, softened
1/3 cup (75 ml) icing sugar
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) all purpose flour
1 pkg (250 g) cream cheese, softened
1 can (300 ml) sweetened condensed partly skimmed milk
1/4 cup (50 ml) lemon juice
3 tbsp (45 ml) packed brown sugar
2 tbsp (30 ml) corn starch
1 can (14 oz/398 ml) whole cranberry sauce

MMMMM!

Good food is one of
the joys of Christmas.

THESE RECIPES ARE PERFECT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

1/3 cup (75 ml) all purpose flour
1/4 cup (50 ml) cold butter
3/4 cup (175 ml) chopped walnuts

Cream together soft butter and icing sugar until fluffy. Gradually stir in 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) flour. Press onto bottom of 13" X 9" (3.5 L) baking pan. Bake at 350°F (180°C) 15 minutes or until lightly browned. In mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed partly skimmed milk. Stir in lemon juice. Pour over prepared crust. Combine 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the brown sugar and corn starch; mix well. Stir in cranberry sauce. Spoon evenly over cheese layer. Combine remaining brown sugar and 1/3 cup (75 ml) flour. Cut in cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in nuts. Sprinkle evenly over cranberry mixture. Bake 45 minutes or until golden. Cool. Serve warm or chilled. Makes 12 servings.

MANDARIN ORANGE TRIFLE

1 can (300 ml) sweetened condensed partly skimmed milk
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) cold water
1 pkg (102 g/4 serving size) vanilla instant pudding mix
2 cups (500 ml) whipping cream, whipped
2 pkgs (440 g each) raspberry Swiss sponge rolls, cut into 1/2 inch (1 cm) slices
3 cans (10 fl oz/284 ml each)

mandarin oranges, 1/2 cup (125 ml) liquid reserved and 24 orange segments reserved

Combine sweetened condensed partly skimmed milk and water. Add pudding mix; beat well. Chill until thickened, about 20 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Line bottom and sides of a 12-cup (3 L) round glass bowl with sliced sponge roll. Spoon a third of the reserved juice over sponge roll. Cover with a third of the pudding mixture. Top with half of the orange segments. Cover with a layer of sliced sponge roll. Repeat layering. Just before final pudding layer, arrange reserved orange segments against top edge of glass. Cover with remaining pudding mixture. Chill 3 - 4 hours. Garnish as desired. Makes 10 - 12 servings.

CARROT CHEESECAKE

Carrots never tasted so good! Featured in this creamy smooth cheesecake, lightly seasoned with cinnamon and nutmeg and glazed with sour cream, Ontario carrots are fabulous.

Crust:

1 1/4 cups (300 ml) graham wafer crumbs
1/3 cup (75 ml) butter, melted
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon
Filling:
4 medium carrots, peeled and cut in 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces
4 eggs
2 pkgs (250 g each) cream cheese, softened (1 lb/500 g)

3/4 cup (175 ml) packed brown sugar
1/4 cup (50 ml) all purpose flour
1/2 tsp (2 ml) each: cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla
Topping:
1 cup (250 ml) sour cream
2 tbsp (25 ml) granulated sugar
1/2 tsp (2 ml) vanilla
1/4 tsp (1 ml) nutmeg

Crust: In a medium bowl, combine graham wafer crumbs, butter and cinnamon. Press into the bottom of a 9-inch (23 cm) springform pan. Refrigerate.

Filling: Cook carrots; drain and puree in food processor or blender. Add eggs and beat well. Set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and brown sugar until smooth and creamy. Beat in flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and carrot-egg mixture until smooth. Pour filling into prepared crust. Bake at 325°F (160°C) for 60 to 65 minutes or until edge is set but centre is still soft. Remove from oven.

Topping: Combine sour cream, granulated sugar and vanilla; carefully spread on top of hot cake. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Cool completely. Refrigerate 4 hours or until well chilled. Makes 12 servings.

Preparation time: 30 minutes
Baking time: 1 hour
Chilling time: 4 hours

WHIPPED SHORTBREAD

1 cup butter, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1 3/4 cup flour
1 1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Whip soft butter with mixer until light and fluffy. Add sugar, whip until smooth. Gradually add flour, still using your beaters. Mix in pecans and knead by hand. You can shape the shortbread into mice shapes by taking 2 tbsp of dough and rolling it in the palm of your hand, or into a cookie log and cut 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Bake in a preheated oven at 325° for 20 to 25 minutes or just until very pale brown on bottom. Roll or sprinkle berry sugar on top if you like. They freeze beautifully.

Deborah Collingwood
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Season's Greetings And Many Thanks!

Here's hoping your holiday delivers an abundance of cheer. We appreciate your support throughout the past year.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS...

1510...The first record of a decorated tree in Riga, Latvia.

1610...Tinsel was invented in Germany.

c. 1660...record of a Christmas Tree being lit with candles in Germany.

pre-1880...records of English Royalty celebrating with Christmas Trees.

c. 1880...manufacture of tree ornaments in Europe.

1800...gingerbread treats sold in York (Toronto) in the shapes of hearts, fish, parrots, ponies and dogs.

1819...Krimmel sketch of an American family with a Christmas Tree on a table.

1822..."Twas the night before Christmas..." American, Clement Moore writes famous poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas". It was first published in 1848.

1832...Princess (later to be Queen) Victoria saw two trees

decorated with lights and sugar ornaments.

1830s...Catherine Parr Traill collects red-berried wintergreen, evergreens and high-bush cranberries. Decorations were hung over fireplace mantles and picture frames.

1833...record of sale of red poinsettias in Philadelphia.

1841...manufacture of Christmas crackers (Bang!) in England.

1843...Ebenezer Scrooge comes alive in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol".

1843...Henry Cole, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, retains services of John Colcutt Horsley, R.A., who designed the first Christmas card.

1846...A thousand copies of the Cole-Horsley card are sold by a London brokerage house.

1848...The "Illustrated London News" publishes a picture of the Royal Family gathered around their Christmas Tree. This helped the spread of the custom everywhere it was read.

1854...George Boulton of Toronto wrote to his mother describing a decorated tree he saw. The first record for Ontario.

c. 1860...popcorn on a string becomes a popular decoration, cranberries added by the turn of the century.

1864...the first Christmas celebrated in Haliburton.

1872...Lady Dufferin writes of a decorated tree in Rideau Hall.

1878...Silver foil icicles are manufactured in Nuremburg, Germany. A spring-clip candle holder was patented.

c. 1880...Angel hair and glass tree ornaments being manufactured in Germany.

1880...the Postmaster-General of Britain warns people to "mail early for Christmas".

1882...the first electric Christmas tree lights in New York City.

1892...the wire hook used to suspend ornaments in patented in the United States.

1896..."Hints for Holiday Gifts" the first Eaton's Christmas catalogue makes its appearance.

1900...The Ladies Home Journal recommends a Jacob's Ladder (a decorated ladder with gifts on the steps) as a conservation effort to save trees.

1905...Santa arrives at the T. Eaton Company by wagon.

1917...J.C. Hall of Hallmark fame, imports fancy decorative envelope linings from France to sell as gift wrap.

1923...Pink and white poinsettias available.

1939..."Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was created as a Christmas promotional tool, by Robert May, for an American department store.

c. 1950...A commercially produced Christmas card features a Haliburton scene.

With the addition of these accoutrements, the commercialization of Christmas by merchants who recognized a golden opportunity when they saw one, the staging of turkey shoots, serenading carollers, gift giving, card sending, and social activities, the simple religious observances, and quiet family meal, of earlier days were eventually overwhelmed.

In 1900 it is likely that only about one in five families had a tree in the home. The first introduction to this pleasure often came at Sunday School (as at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton 1864). The growth of the custom was phenomenal.

Decorations often consisted of paper cuttings, mottoes, flags, dough, ribbons, pine cones, cornucopias, baskets, and various edibles. A special ornament was often reserved for the top of the tree.

Source: The above items come from the Ontario Historical Society publication *Deck the Halls with the addition of a few local notes.*



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Pat & Staff



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Greetings from
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*May your home be blessed by the glory of His love this
holy season, and may His good graces follow you
wherever you go.*



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